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## Marina Bends under Burden of Hungry Students

*Two separate lines try to speed up serving. There will be no queues any more, manager says.*

by Naiden Stoyanov

The University of Bridgeport's increased enrollment is not difficult to be noticed in the reports of the Office of Admissions. There is another place, however, where this could be easily seen: Marina Dining Hall. Very long lines and a half-an-hour waiting period for food, especially at lunch time, marked the start of the new semester.

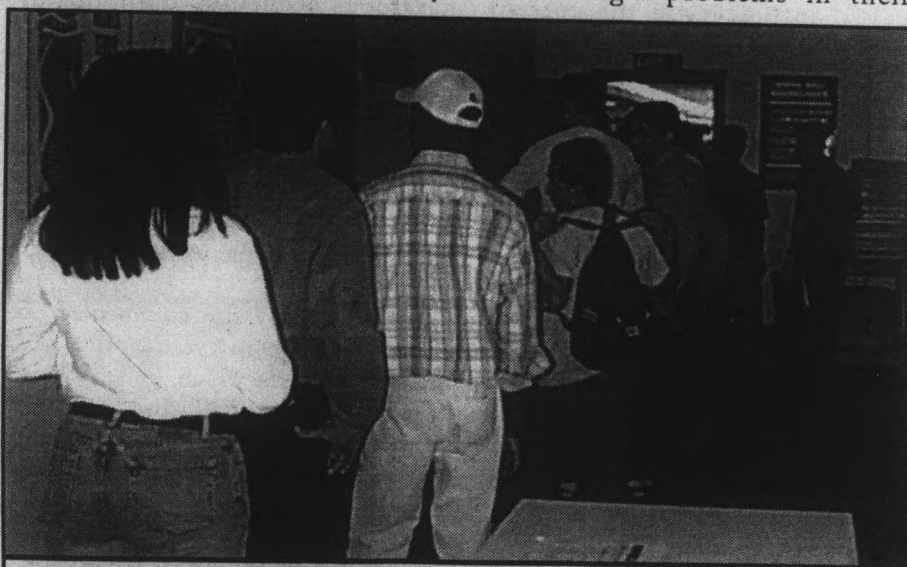
This is not to happen anymore, though, promised the manager of the dining hall. A solution was found by opening two lines, which sped up the process of serving. The first one remains in the same place, while the second one replaces the deli bar, which was moved to the large dining hall.

The other innovation is that students have to go through the dining room in order to access the meal bars. "I like it this way," said Gail Spileos, food service director in Marina. She added that the new arrangement not only reduced the waiting time, but also made students more relaxed instead of getting nervous while rushing for food.

A new high school opens right in front of the dining hall, but that should not be a problem for Marina, says its manager. The 45 kids will eat in the small dining room just opposite

the large one. Ms. Spileos also told The Scribe that she was not prepared for this expansion, because nobody

have to pay deposits, and the international students, who have various legal problems in their



Students waiting patiently to get a service at Marina Dining Hall.

from the university administration had told her about that. But Barbara Maryak, associate dean of admissions, said that the new situation was widely announced, although until the first day of classes it had been impossible to estimate the number of the new students.

The prediction is based on the total deposits paid prior to the beginning of classes. But because of the graduate students, who do not

countries sending the money, it is quite impossible to foresee what the enrollment would be until the students actually come.

"We expected something good, but it was even better", said Ms. Maryak about the increased enrollment, and added that she anticipates the expansion to continue.

Currently, there is a shortage of

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## Trustees Want Upgraded Computer System

by Sharon Loh

After three years of constant complaints about the inadequacy of the computer facilities of the University, several members of the Board of Trustees have finally realized the importance of upgrading the school's technology to be in par with today's educational system.

At a meeting September 19, the Board announced that they would like to see an upgrade in the computer system in the school. As examples of what needs improvement, they discussed the system in the Admissions Office, where record keeping needs to be more efficient, as well as the need for better accessibility of the computer facilities in the dorms.

The University budget was approved during the meeting, and approximately \$50,000 has been allocated to build a new computer lab on campus, whose location is still under consideration.

However, in order to get the ball rolling for the computer upgrading, a proposal by the faculty has to be made to the board. Neil Salonen, president of the Board of Trustees, said that the Board is aware of the fact that if there aren't updated facilities soon, there is a

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## AIDS Ride Returns to Bridgeport

*275-mile Boston-New York ride brings over 3,000 to Sea Side Park.*

by John E. Musser

A column of 3,188 bicyclists rode into Bridgeport the afternoon of September 13, greeted by a cheerful party of UB students. This year was the third for the 275-mile Boston-New York ride. For the second time the riders spent the night at Seaside Park in Bridgeport.

After cyclists had rocks thrown at them two years ago at the corner of Park and Gregory Avenues, the bike route was changed to bypass Bridgeport. This year, however, the ride returned for what several cyclists claim was their "warmest reception yet."

Each of the participants raised at least \$1,500 in pledges, yielding an estimated \$6 million, which will benefit HIV and AIDS services at Boston's Fenway Community Health Center, the New York Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center, and the Community Health Project (CHP). The AIDS Ride is presented by Tanqueray, who sponsored the first ride in California in 1994. There are now five AIDS rides

across the country, which have raised over \$40 million to date.

The riders this year more than doubled last year's figure of 1,452. Only three people had dropped out by the second day, two of whom were hit by cars.

The riders came into Bridgeport between noon and 9 p.m. They ranged in age from 14 to 70. This group actually includes 16 riders called the "Spokebusters," who bike in all five rides around the country, totaling approximately 1,900 miles.

3,600 people spent the night in 1,800 tents. 684 Porto-Potties were on site, while 5.76 tons of pasta were consumed. 1,800 volunteers assisted the cyclists, including three students from UB's Chiropractic College. The students spent most the afternoon giving massages to the cyclists.

Over 295,000 people have died of AIDS, and an estimated 40,000 people will become infected with the disease this year. As individuals live longer, the needs for treatment and care have

skyrocketed. Access to AIDS drugs, health care, housing, mental health, and hospice for people with HIV are in demand now more than ever, said the participants in the ride.

Fund-raisers, such as Tanqueray's AIDS Ride, help AIDS service organizations remove complex barriers to successful use of new treatments. These organizations help many people cope with the rising costs of AIDS medications, which can often exceed \$16,000 per patient a year.



One of the 3,188 cyclists who came to Bridgeport.



## News

## Yeltsin's Advisor Receives Honorary Ph.D.

by Ana Kleshelskaya

Russian President Boris Yeltsin's economic advisor and former vice premier of the Russian Federation, Oleg Davydov, received September 16 an honorary doctoral degree from UB.

After the ceremony, Mr. Davydov spoke about the economic situation in his country and discussed U.S.-Russian relations during a presentation hosted by the New England Center for International and Regional Studies.

The Tower Room of Arnold Bernard Center was nearly packed with students and faculty. After a brief introduction by President Rubenstein, Mr. Davydov continued with a rather detailed speech covering most of the current aspects of Russian economy and politics, he said.

"Trade in Russia is now free and in recent years has increased considerably," said Mr. Davydov. This factor seems to have largely contributed to the jump-start and growth of Russian economic independence.

Recovering from over 70 years of denied private ownership and equal distribution of common goods, Russia is on the verge of a new economical system, different from the ones established in the United States and Europe, he said.

"Don't forget that during the last elections, nearly 40 percent of the entire population of Russia voted for the communist party," he said.

The strong ideological overlap of the not so distant past still has a great



Mr. Davydov was welcomed by NEC Director Stoyan Ganeyev.

deal of influence on the current political situation in Russia, which in turn determines the stability and effectiveness of economical development and progress.

These nuances of Russian politics influence the unique economic situation of the country – the situation Mr. Davydov and his team tackle every day.

Politically strangled and disunited, Russia is still going through a rather shaky period. One of the first essential steps to stabilize the economical and political situation, said Mr. Davydov, is "to reconcile the Duma," the Russian parliament.

Because of this, he said, "major banking and industrial groups override political legislations and often the governmental power itself." This is another reason for the unstable and

hazardous economic conditions of Russia today, he said.

Mr. Davydov said that if the Duma is unable to approve and pass a comprehensive budget for 1998, it will cause more public aggravation and more economic instability. "A weak Russia will be doomed to a second-hand position in the world economy," he concluded.

Mr. Davydov also commented on the U.S.-Russian economic and political relations, which, he said, have "greatly improved due to the cooperation between the two great powers."

According to him, over \$2 billion yearly enter Russia due to American investments. But that's far from being enough, he said, as an estimate of at least \$8 billion is needed for a progressive economical growth.

One of the classical Russian writers, Gogol, once wrote that nothing could ever change the horrendous state of Russian roads. One of the main things that pulls the Russian economy back, said Mr. Davydov, is the mentality of Russians – a mentality developed for generations. Just as with the roads, it

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one cook, but he is already appointed and is expected to start work next week. This should be enough for good service throughout the rest of the semester.

When asked about the quality and diversity of the food, Ms. Spileos said that she would be very happy to receive as many suggestion cards with students' preferences as possible. She added that it is not a problem for Marina to fulfill meal preferences and even ethnical specialties. "Bring me the recipes," said Ms. Spileos, determined to do her best, and confided that it is her pleasure watching how the students "embrace the food."

As far as the quickly vanishing orange juice is concerned, Ms. Spileos is planning either to replace the least used Veryfine machine with another one for 100-percent fruit drinks, or to sacrifice one of the current flavors in favor of the orange juice. "I would like to know what you think of that," she said.

Next year, the expectations are for an even bigger campus population. But the manager of the dining hall hopes that the lines in front of Marina will not reach Seaside Park.

## New AEL Scholars Learn Rules of Game

47 students from 20 countries promise to maintain GPA of at least 3.0

by Diana Vaptzarova

"If you have energy and talent, you are a king. If you have energy and no talent, you are still a prince. But if you have talent and no energy, you are a pauper," wrote one of this year's Academic Excellence and Leadership scholars.

At a meeting September 11, new students, grantees of the Academic Excellence and Leadership Scholarship, met with representatives of the Scholarship Committee and other faculty members. After launching the meeting and congratulating the students on their achievements, Dr. Hans van der Giessen, chairman of the AEL Committee, gave the students the opportunity to introduce themselves.

Among them were students from the United States and 20 countries in Europe and Asia – a little less diverse than last year's, who represented countries from Africa, the Middle East and South America as well. The number of Bulgarian scholars this year accounted for a third of all scholarship recipients.

Among the AEL Scholarship Committee members were representatives of each department of the university: Prof. Dick Allen, professor of English from the School of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, Dr. Robert Schaff,

professor of marketing from the School of Business, Dr. Wenelin Jan-eff, professor of electrical engineering from the School of Science, Engineering and Technology, and Dr. Joseph Nechasek, professor of counseling from the School of Education and Human Resources.

Dr. van der Giessen advised students to establish a close relationship with the member of the scholarship committee, representing their school, in order to have a smoother education throughout their stay at UB. He also stressed that students should maintain a GPA of 3.0 or higher if they want to keep their scholarship for the four years of their study.

Barbara Maryak, associate dean of admissions, shared some interesting facts about this year's scholarship recipients. According to her statistics, only about 47 students out of 1,400 applicants were granted the AEL Scholarship this year, 60% of whom were male. Last year's scholarship grantees were 35 out of 1,000 with the percentage of males winning over that of females again: 57% to 43%.

The GPA of both last year's and this year's scholars was exactly the same: 3.8. ETS scores for this year's students were higher than those of last year's with 609 to 604 for the TOEFL scores, 609 to 553 for the verbal sec-

tion of SAT I and 652 for both scholar groups for the math section of SAT I.

Ms. Maryak's overall impression of this year's scholars is that they are "a group with many and diverse interests." She divides them into seven different categories: artistic, musical, religious, community service, leadership, scholastic and athletic.

One of the students in this year's musical group played for the Emperor of Japan, the President of China, the President of Singapore and the King and Prime Minister of Malaysia. A student from the community service category worked in a Philippines refugee camp. Another one cared for children, the elderly and those less fortunate.

In the leaders' category there are class presidents, students of the year, editors of school newspapers and student government members. The scholastic category consists of Valedictorians, students who went to Academic Olympics, and a gold medallist in Latin.

In the athletic category there are volleyball, gymnastics and swimming champions, as well as a synchronized swimming champion who participated in the 1994 World Aquatic Championship.

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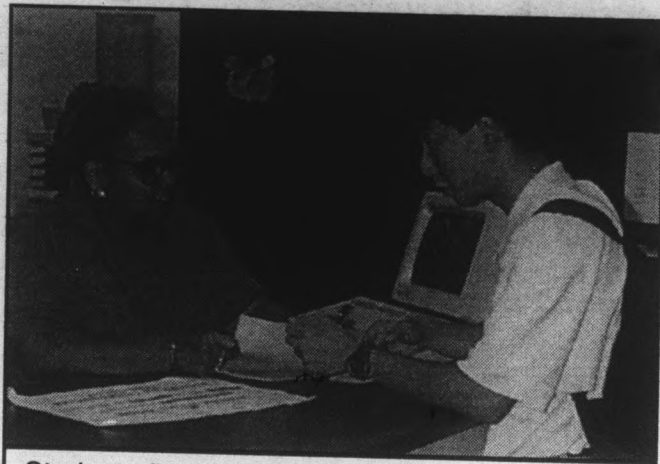
# Overcrowded Classes Put Students on Wait Lists

by Lucas Mc Cloud

One of the biggest problems that many students encountered this year was the registration for classes. While almost no student was denied a class without a proper substitution, many found their classes to be filled before they even had a chance to register. This, along with difficulties at the Bursar's office, and the sweltering heat, all added up to a very harrowing and torturous registration day.

Students found that they were put on the wait list for classes, with the major ones being Humanities C201, Integrated Studies C201, Fine Arts 101 and Social Sciences C201. Most of these classes had three or more sections, but students were still put on the wait list, as most filled up very rapidly. Reserve sections had to be opened in most cases, and teachers also had to sign-in students who were on the wait list into the class.

The general opinion was that this was good for the school, but it did cause problems with acceptance into



Students flock to make last-minute adjustments.

classes. In certain cases, students were denied entry into a class, even if they were qualified for the class, because it wasn't a required class in their major. The students who needed the class, were given the option of the particular class first, which left certain students with a bad taste in their mouth.

The last day for adding and dropping classes was September 17, and the Registrar's office spent that day and the days before it making last

minute calls and adjustments to students who were still in limbo about their class schedule.

For the most part, the Registrar worked hard with the students and teachers to make sure every student got a fair chance at a student-friendly class schedule.

Another problem faced during the registration period was that of a misunderstanding about the wait list. Some students were under the impression that being put on the wait list was exactly that. You waited until you were told that you were registered in a class. In effect, some students waited for a call that was never to come. Being on the wait list meant going to the class, and seeing if a space opened up for you in the class, or having the teacher sign you in on your schedule. If either of these happened, you would be registered for that class. Many students were unaware of this, and so waited for days not realizing what it really meant to be on the wait list.

Some other minor problems

included students not having their measles clearance from the Health Center, and not meeting with their advisor for registration. However, these problems were easily settled with a quick phone call or redirection of the student to his particular advisor.

"At first, we weren't prepared for the amount of students registering, and although we were swamped at first, our staff pulled through and accommodated as best as possible for all of the registering students," said Registrar Valerie Baldwin.

The only problem left was that of reaching the so-called "lost" students. These were the remaining people on the wait list who hadn't met with either their teachers or advisor to see what should be done about the classes they are having trouble getting into.

The staff of the Registrar called these students, but the problem was that most of these calls occurred while the students were in other classes, as the Registrar's office hours are in conflict with that of the students. These students were reached however, and every effort was made to provide for these "lost souls."

One of the ways to avoid all of these problems next semester is to pre-register. Early registration starts

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## Day of Caring Takes UB to School Kids

by Geetha Tharmaratnam

Six people from UB traveled to Roosevelt Elementary School September 10 to spend two hours helping children with their homework after school.

The university, together with United Way, a national social security agency, participated in a Day of Caring, where the school was represented by five members of the administration, Edina Oestreicher, Janet Merritt, Cary Cullen, Peter Fleischman and Betty Thompson, and Basant Pangeni, a student.

Roosevelt students, mainly children from minority groups, gave the UB contingent a very warm and positive

response. Afterwards, they participated in a sharing of knowledge among the 1-5 graders. As Dean Merritt said, "It was a win-win situation. We both learned things from each other."

United Way has many projects in this field, including literacy programs and helping senior citizens and disabled. The Day of Caring is characterized as a cooperative effort between various businesses and schools and places in need. This was the first time that UB took part in the annual Day of Caring.

Roosevelt Elementary, located on Park Avenue, still needs volunteers to assist with arts and crafts, sports and homework after school, between 3 and 5 p.m.

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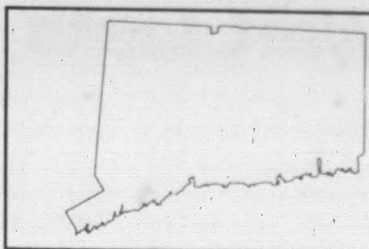
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## Newsroom



## CT News

**NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP)** U.S. Attorney Christopher F. Droney was sworn in Monday as a U.S. District Court judge, and is succeeded by the deputy U.S. attorney.

Droney, 42, will sit in the U.S. District Court in Hartford. The U.S. attorney since 1993, Droney was confirmed by a 100-0 Senate vote earlier this month. He is a former mayor of West Hartford, and was a lawyer in private practice before becoming U.S. attorney.

**WATERFORD, Conn. (AP)** It is unlikely that any of the off-line reactors at the Millstone nuclear power station will be restarted in 1997, Northeast Utilities officials said Monday. The utility had hoped to have the Millstone 3 plant ready for inspection by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission in October. Earlier this month that target date was put off until November, and then Dec. 17.

A new analysis of the remaining work and inspections needed to be completed at the plant shows that January, 1998 is a more realistic time frame, said Bruce Kenyon, the chief executive of NU's nuclear division.

**N. BRANFORD (AP)** A school librarian who had been accused of impairing the morals of minors has surrendered his teaching license.

Kenneth Kruse, 46, of Madison, resigned from Totoket Valley School on July 1, 1996, two months after he was arrested on morals charges stemming from incidents involving two fifth-grade girls.

Superintendent of Schools Don McCarthy said he learned this month that Kruse has agreed to surrender his teaching license effective Aug. 28.

In April 1996, the two girls told their parents of alleged inappropriate behavior by Kruse. Their parents notified school officials, who notified police.

**STAMFORD (AP)** Years before James Daugherty's works hung at galleries such as the Museum of Modern Art in New York, he painted a set of murals for the Stamford High School.

The artwork, commissioned under the Work Projects Administration during the Depression, hung on the auditorium walls for 35 years before being removed during renovations in 1970.

Nearly three decades later, reproductions of the murals now estimated to be worth at least \$100,000 are returning to the high school.

**NEW HAVEN (AP)** Yale University has been awarded a \$10.8 million federal grant to open an AIDS research center that will seek new ways to get prevention messages to low-income women and stem the spread of HIV among intravenous drug users.

**BRISTOL (AP)** The Lake Compounce amusement park has wrapped up its 152nd season and the new owners say they had a great ride this year.

The park shut down Sunday after its first full season in recent years after millions of dollars in improvements.

**BRIDGEPORT (AP)** The temperature dropped to 42 degrees early Monday, tying the record low for Bridgeport.

The last time it got that cold on a Sept. 22 was 1962, the National Weather Service said. Inland, the mercury fell into the 30s. Danbury and Willimantic both reported a low of 36.

## Policeman Justified After Fatal Pull-Over

**NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP)** A white policeman's fatal shooting of an unarmed black motorist was justified because the driver backed into the officer as he approached and ignored orders to stop his car, a prosecutor concluded Monday after a five-month investigation.

East Haven Officer Robert Flodquist was in danger of being seriously injured when he shot Malik Jones, 21, at least four times on April 14 following a chase that ended three blocks from Jones' home in New Haven, State's Attorney Michael Dearington said. "The loss of Mr. Jones' life is tragic. Passions run high whatever view that one may have," he said. "The untimely death of Mr. Jones is understandably a great loss to his family and friends, and in this case, of great concern to the community."

"However, this decision is based upon a thorough examination of the facts and law of the state of Connecticut," he said. Dearington concluded the use of deadly force was both reasonable and justified, basing his findings on interviews with witnesses and a reconstruction of the scene by the head of Connecticut's state crime laboratory, Henry Lee.

The investigation found that Jones' car was moving when Flodquist broke out the driver's side window, and that it was

continuing to move when he fired at the driver. The prosecutor's report also disclosed the presence in Jones' blood of alcohol and phencyclidine, a psychedelic drug that Dearington said is known to cause aggressive and sometimes violent behavior. Jones was not legally intoxicated at the time, however.

Statements from six witnesses -- three from a brewery across the street and three from people driving by -- all supported the view that the officer was in danger of being seriously injured when he fired his gun, Dearington said.

One witness said: "The driver was going to plow someone down." Another was quoted as saying: "The cop would have gotten run over." In the report, Flodquist said he was frightened. "I was scared for my life, without any doubt whatsoever. The car was right on top of me," he said. He also said he continued shooting because after the first shot, Jones "gave me a defiant go-to-hell look" and did not stop the car.

The FBI also is investigating the shooting and will forward its findings to the U.S. Justice Department for a review of whether Jones' civil rights were violated. U.S. Attorney John Durham said Dearington's report also will be reviewed by federal investigators.

### Kennelly Ready to Run for Governor

**HARTFORD, Conn. (AP)** Eight-term U.S. Rep. Barbara Kennelly confirmed Monday she will leave a safe seat in Congress and gamble she can topple a popular Republican governor.

Her decision, leaked out last week by party leaders, elated many Democrats, who see Kennelly as the best hope to defeat Gov. John G. Rowland.

The last time a sitting governor was defeated for reelection was in 1954, when Republican John Lodge was ousted by Democrat Abe Ribicoff.

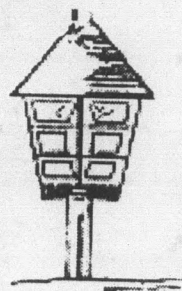
Declaring herself a "woman of the 90s," Kennelly also drew on her ties to the past and her family's tradition of public service by holding her rally at the Old State House. Men in three-cornered hats served as ushers.

### Housing In State Gets More expensive

**STORRS, Conn. (AP)** The average cost of a house in Connecticut is slowly rising after nearly 10 years of a downward trend. Houses costed an average of \$206,400 during the second quarter, up 0.6 percent from the same period last year, the Center for Real Estate at the University of Connecticut reported. The first quarter increase was 0.4 percent.

Between 1988 and 1994, home values fell more than 17 percent statewide. Cities that have shown prices increases this year include Bridgeport, Hartford, Middletown and New Britain. Prices in New Haven, however, continued to slide with an 8.3 percent drop in the second quarter compared to the same period last year.

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## US News

**WASHINGTON (AP)** Immigrants living in the United States unlawfully will have to leave the country to apply for resident "green cards" unless Congress extends a provision that expires next week.

**WASHINGTON (AP)** President Clinton on Monday nominated former Ohio Gov. Richard Celeste to become ambassador to India.

Celeste, 58, worked there as executive assistant to U.S. Ambassador to India Chester Bowles from 1963 to 1967.

**NEW YORK (AP)** Twenty-five members of overlapping drug rings that spanned four continents have been arrested after an eight-month wiretap investigation, federal drug agents announced Monday.

**LITTLE ROCK (AP)** Not just anyone can jump to the president's defense. A federal judge decided Monday that a New York man, despite his offers for service, cannot help defend President Clinton against Paula Corbin Jones' sexual harassment lawsuit.

**WASHINGTON (AP)** A narrow Justice Department review of whether President Clinton illegally solicited political donations from the White House could trigger a wide-ranging independent counsel's probe of Democratic fund raising.

By launching a study of whether Clinton illegally telephoned donors from the Oval Office, seeking money, Attorney General Janet Reno increased pressure on herself to seek appointment of an independent counsel, experts say.

**HASBROUCK HEIGHTS, N.J. (AP)** First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton tried Monday to boost Democrat Jim McGreevey's standing with women voters in his race against New Jersey's first female governor.

Appearing at a "Women for McGreevey" fund-raiser, Mrs. Clinton said the Democratic gubernatorial candidate is focusing on "the issues that matter to the state of New Jersey."

**CHICAGO (AP)** Lawyers who helped write the \$368 billion tobacco settlement praised it Thursday as the best deal possible, but others said President Clinton effectively has killed it.

The legal drive to reduce smoking "is the most important thing I ever will be involved in in my life," said Mississippi Attorney General Michael C. Moore. In 1993, Moore filed the first state lawsuit seeking to recover public health costs from the tobacco industry, leading to the pending 40-state settlement.



## World News

**BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP)** President Saddam Hussein has renewed his plea for Arab unity, saying Arabs would otherwise face "dens of poisonous wasps" from abroad promoting the interests of the United States.

**NABLUS, West Bank (AP)** Israeli soldiers closed down a mosque and a youth group run by the Islamic militant group Hamas September 22, and sealed several West Bank villages as part of their hunt for militants who plotted two recent suicide bombings in Jerusalem.

**SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP)** Bosnian Serbs on Tuesday threw stones, Molotov cocktails and burning tires at peacekeepers, demanding removal of checkpoints set up to avoid clashes between rival factions, NATO officials said.

**ZAGREB, Croatia (AP)** Despite pressure from the United Nations, Croatia said Monday it will oppose any extension of the U.N. mandate in Croatia's last Serb-held area.

**NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP)** Greek and Turkish Cypriot leaders are to meet Friday for U.N.-chaired talks on security and steps to reduce tension, the United Nations said Monday.

**NEW DELHI, India (AP)** Armed tribespeople in India's remote northeast Monday shot dead 15 members of a rival tribe, domestic news agencies reported.

**DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP)** An angry mob in western Bangladesh lynched five Marxists who shot dead a shopkeeper because he refused to pay them extortion money, police said.

**LUEBECK, Germany (AP)** For the second time in a week, Nazi swastika and anti-Semitic slogans have been discovered in this northern German city.

**WARSAW, Poland (AP)** Polish military prosecutors have dropped espionage charges against an army officer who spied for the CIA for nearly a decade and was smuggled out of Poland in 1981.

**SOFIA, Bulgaria (AP)** Any secret police files on Bulgaria's president, vice president and constitutional judges will remain closed, a court ruled Monday.

**MOSCOW (AP)** A Russian government spokesman on Tuesday denied the existence of dozens of suitcase-sized Russian nuclear bombs and implications that authorities have lost control of their weaponry.

**MANILA, Philippines (AP)** Three passenger cars disconnected from a commuter train Monday and rolled backward for about a mile before colliding with another crowded train. Seven people died and 220 were injured.

### Diana's Bodyguard Speaks Out

*Driver looked "just fine," says Rees-Jones*

**PARIS (AP)** The bodyguard who survived the crash that killed Princess Diana told a judge that Diana's companion called in the off-duty security guard who was driving the night of the fatal accident, judicial sources said Monday. Reports say that.

Trevor Rees-Jones also revealed that the decision was part of the a plan to try to elude photographers who had followed the couple to the Ritz Hotel.

The only survivor of the tragic accident spoke to Judge Herve Stephan on Friday at the Paris hospital while recovering from injuries that killed Diana, her companion Dodi Fayed and the driver.

Asked if he knew when the driver was called back to work and by whom, Rees-Jones said: "Dodi called him so that he could drive us from the back of the hotel."

They also quoted the bodyguard as saying the regular chauffeur acted as a decoy the night of the crash, leaving from the hotel's front entrance to try to trick photographers trailing the couple, while Paul sped away from the back in a black Mercedes with Diana and Fayed inside. Paul looked "just fine" before taking the wheel of the car, said Rees-Jones, according to the judicial sources.

Doctors have said Rees-Jones' memory might be affected by the trauma of the accident and the anesthesia he was given during surgery to reconstruct his smashed jaw.

The sources also said Monday that Rees-Jones, 29, described vehicles, including a Jeep, two motorcycles and a small dark car, that had followed Diana and Fayed throughout the day. But he did not remember if any photographers were

taking pictures during the short drive before the crash.

Nine photographers and a motorcycle courier have been placed under formal investigation for manslaughter and failure to assist the victims, which is a crime in France. However, no charges have been brought so far.

Meanwhile a British lawyer says he saw a small black car escaping at high speed from the crash that killed Princess Diana, London's Sunday Times reported, in the first account by an identified witness of another car being involved.

The newspaper quoted Gary Hunter, who was in Paris Aug. 31 celebrating his wife's birthday, as saying he saw the fleeing car from the window of his third-floor hotel room.

French investigators said last week pieces of a taillight not from Diana's Mercedes were found at the crash site, and two unidentified witnesses had said they saw a small, black hatchback, possibly a Fiat Uno, near the smashed Mercedes.

The Sunday Times quoted Hunter, a partner in a London law firm, Hepburns, as saying he was watching television when he heard an "almighty crash" at exactly 12.25 a.m.

He went to the window, saw people running toward the tunnel and, seconds later, saw a car turning from the area by the tunnel exit and roaring down the Rue Jean Goujon, the street below.

What happens in the tunnel still remains a mystery. Meanwhile a grieving family and loyal friends said goodbye Saturday to a chauffeur whom they cared to remember for more than his role in Princess Diana's death.

### Calcutta Remembers Mother Teresa

**CALCUTTA, India (AP)** Residents of the city where Mother Teresa lived, died and was buried are remembering her in many ways, including adding her image to the altar scenes with which they traditionally celebrate one of Hinduism's most popular holidays.

When Calcutta begins festivities next month for the worship of the goddess Durga, statues of Mother Teresa will grace a number of the elaborate tents that each neighborhood erects for the occasion.

"After Mother's sad demise we are receiving orders from different organizers of the festivals" for statues of the Nobel laureate nun, said Dilip Pal, an artist who fashions images of Durga and other gods and goddesses out of clay for the religious carnival.

"We are doing the extra works not for money but to show our regard for Mother," he said.

The 5-day Durga worship is the biggest annual carnival for Bengalis, the people of West Bengal state of which Calcutta is the capital.

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## Campus Life

## Students Have Fun at Six Flags

by Puneet Batra

The International Relations Club broke the monotonous hum-drum routine of the start of the semester by organizing a trip to the Six Flags Great Adventure theme park in New Jersey on September 13.

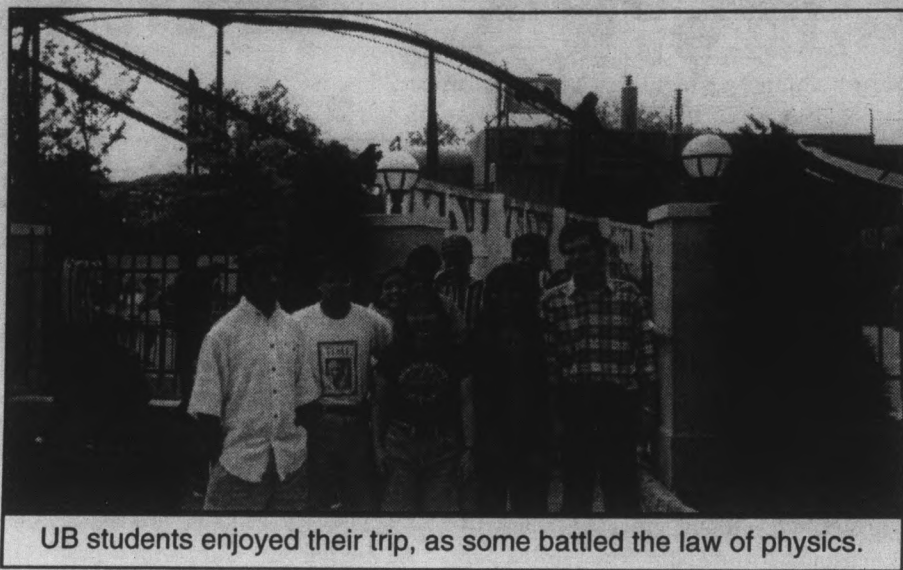
The sign-up list with only 50 places, as many as the seats in the bus, was filled long before the date, and many students were left behind.

Once inside the park, everyone scurried from one ride to another, trying to take full advantage of the seemingly short six hours, refreshing childhood memories. The weather played no games with the beautiful day



Dawn Valenti gave up a Saturday to go to Six Flags.

and even dried those who voluntarily drenched themselves riding the



UB students enjoyed their trip, as some battled the law of physics.

thrilling Log Flume.

Others clung tightly to their seats as they were twisted and turned against the laws of physics for the longest 40-second period of their lives on the ever-popular Batman-The Ride. However, others had varying sentiments about the ride. "I hated it," said Lisa Rodrigues, while Christian Salvatori thought it was fun but ridiculously short.

Others managed to barter their green paper for Tasmanian Devils and Tweety Birds by throwing baseballs into baskets and having their age guessed wrongly at the various game booths. Still, others could have their faces painted with Indian war paint or pay a

pricey sum to have their caricatures put down on paper by professional cartoonists.

Souvenirs and Looney Tunes toys were available at the wigwam shaped Teepee Store. The flight simulator gave an exciting flying experience in the cockpit of a fighter jet to those who had the patience to queue up in the docking bays of the USAF.

No one was happy as they rushed back, aiming for the parking lot, to make it to the bus by 6 p.m., clinging on to their hard earned prizes. While some hit the sack as soon as they boarded the bus, others anxiously waited for the ten-minute food stop, as not everyone had managed to grab a quick snack at the expensive fast-food outlets located in the Old West theme city.

Everyone returned home to rest, assured that they had got their money's worth out of the highly subsidized tickets, courtesy of the IRC.

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possibility that the University would start to lose its students as well as faculty.

Jim Garland, director of finance and administration at UB, was elected associate vice president of administration. Jim Garland, also the president of the South End Public Safety committee was said to be "the key person who kept it (South End Public Safety) going," by Mr. Salonen.

The nomination was unanimously made. It will be an upgrade to his existing position. "It is to recognize a position he has held very well."

The Board would also like to see an increase in the budget for student activities. It was brought up in the meeting that 65 percent of residential students participate in such activities. With this, Mr. Salonen added, "if you (the student body) worked too hard, your brains will fry."

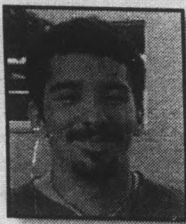
However, President of Student Congress Justin Harding clarified that the Board will consider the increase after reviewing the way the current Student Congress uses the money allocated for it. Mr. Harding also said that the Board would like to see more academic activities funded by Student Congress.

It was reported to the Board of Trustees that enrollment has gone up 12 percent over budget this year. There was also talk about Seeley Hall, which opened this semester. The Student Development committee brought up the fact that buildings needed to be fixed for better heating.

"I am happy that Jim Garland was made associate vice-president.... We would also like to commit as much as we can for the student's needs," President Rubenstein said after the meeting.

## Student Poll

Question: What do you think about the UB Alcohol Policy?



"We are here to learn and interact with each other - not to drink beverages from oppressive capitalist businesses."

Frank Derico



"Inebriation Rules! Just kidding, I don't have any problem with the alcohol policy."

Lynette Spieler



"I don't drink, therefore the policy doesn't affect me."

Ryan Stelley



"I think the policy should remain as it is. If you try to regulate or change the policy, students are going to find ways to drink regardless."

Dale Powell



"Maybe if I get caught drinking they'll move me to Bodine"

Carey Kumrowski



"I think they should loosen the leash around students necks. People are grown and can do what they want because they will anyway - policy or not."

Crystal Pierce

## SCUBA Hosts Yoga Demonstration

by Surovi Abeyratne

A discussion and demonstration on mind-body unity through Yoga, organized by SCUBA, was held on September 18 at the John J. Cox Student Center. The program commenced with opening remarks by Professor Lamont Thomas, who introduced SCUBA, its aims and intentions, and then proceeded to introduce the guest speakers, Joy Abraham and Steve White.

The program then took the form of a discussion, as the guest speakers explained aspects of Yoga as a spiritual discipline, similar to meditation, which provide mind-body unity, as well as a cerebral explanation of the present.

The guest speakers also answered questions about spiritualism, the material world, psychosomatic diseases and new

age symbols.

During the second half of the program, students and faculty members engaged in a series of yoga exercises conducted by Ms. Joy Abraham, who dimmed the lights in the room and urged the audience to disassociate from the mundane realities of life.

These exercises had their origin in India and served the purposes of relaxation, achieving mind-body unity and increasing one's fitness.

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## Straight and Gay Come Together to Warn of AIDS

by Geetha Tharmaratnam

I wondered, what would it take to get someone to ride 275 miles, spend two nights in a tent among at least 3000 other people and experience the



Ride participants resting in Seaside Park.

joy of eating camp food. Well, I got my answers in spades.

Alison Milwe, a resident of Westport, gave me three good answers: it's a good reason to get into shape, it's for a great cause and it gives you a wonderful sense of achievement.

There were as many different reasons as there were people. For many, this ride was a chance to make a difference, investing not only time but energy, too. Yet, it was also therapeutic for those who used it as an opportunity to come to terms with the loss of loved ones to AIDS.

Derrick Subley, a native of San Diego, felt the need to ride after seeing his best friend's father die of the killer-disease. Some riders living with HIV and AIDS made this ride, not knowing if they would be in shape to do so ever again.

By 6 p.m., most of the riders had come into Seaside Park, which had been transformed into a haven for them. The six pitstops along the way had served to boost morale, as the

volunteers had been dressed in theme, like the Energizer Bunny and the carnival madness of Mardi Gras.

Once again, support was offered in the form of smiles, massages, food and water to the weary travelers.

People who had not known each other a week earlier were on their way to becoming good friends.

Family and friends were on hand, together with a volunteer crew to offer aid, support and advice to the many who needed them after a long

day of isolated riding.

In an informal welcoming ceremony, Richard Burns, executive director of the Lesbian and Gay Community Center in New York, spoke out strongly about providing a range of primary health care needs to HIV sufferers. He told The Scribe that the most wonderful aspect of this ride was to see "openly gay men, straight men, openly gay women and straight women all come together to create change and to make a difference."

Soon afterwards, the stage gave way to a talent show. Songs and dances, as well as stand-up comedians displayed an amazing amount of talent, rarely found in amateurs. Susan Bush from Philadelphia, a spokebuster, closed the show strumming her guitar and singing a song inspired by a sticker on the back of a bicycle she had seen on her last AIDS ride. Everyone finally headed off to bed, haunted by her words, "You were my lover, you were my friend. Now, you are my angel."

by Kyle Reeves

You've seen them. In Marina. They congregate like lawyers in the emergency room on Saturday night. Or like prostitutes when the fleet's just come in. Yeah, you might think they're cold opportunists, but somewhere in the back of your mind that "Slinky" and coffee mug start looking kind of good.

Credit cards aren't just for the well established anymore. They'll take anybody, and in the past few years they've set (or lowered) their sights on you and me. Almost anybody with a pulse is eligible — income, and age notwithstanding. College students are among the fastest growing segments of new cardholders and are also at the greatest risk for debt. Like your student loans weren't enough.

Look at it this way: credit card companies count grants, scholarships and even loans as income. Now, the fact that you'll probably never see that money or use it for anything but tuition isn't a concern. It's income, disposable or not.

What they don't seem to take into account is that college students are, well..., college students. We're habitually broke and more than slightly irresponsible. It's that great affliction called youth. And at \$6 an hour, working full-time all year won't even get you \$12,000. That's "gross" folks, as well as disgusting.

It makes you wonder, what do Mastercard and Discover want with a bunch of broke college kids anyway? Aside from getting away with higher interest rates for the creditless (a whopping 20 percent at the high end, plus separate fees for ATMs, late payments, etc.), it seems that collection agencies have made big business out of buying up your debt.

An entirely different method of screwing you at our prestigious dining hall seems to be to actually eat there. God knows who let the cast of "Saved by the Bell" in Marina on Sunday evening, but whoever it was told them to eat as much as they want (those pesky undergrads won't notice) and oh

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on November 17 and continues until next semester.

Many students felt that there wouldn't be a problem on registration day, and didn't pre-register. The Registrar, however, encourages that students register early so as to avoid the hassle on registration day.

The Registrar would like to have all returning students pre-registered, so as the registration day can be devoted to students who are either transferring or are new students to the school. All others should make it a point to register before the spring semester, so people won't have to wait on long lines once again when the time for registration comes.



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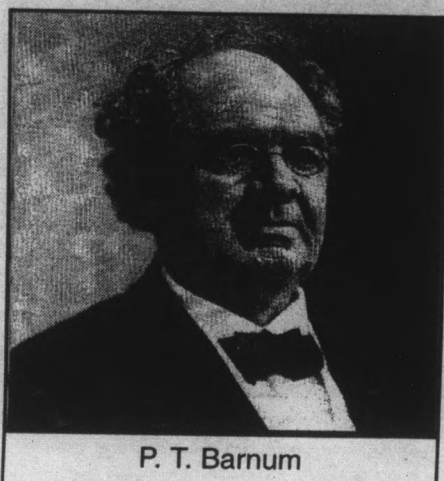
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## Features

A group of UB students did in Prof. L. Thomas' Capstone class last year a project of discovering little-known facts from the history of the university. The students' papers are to be published in a booklet dedicated to UB's 70th anniversary. The Scribe is the first to print some of those stories, one of which will appear in every issue. We begin with P. T. Barnum, the owner of the land where the university was built.

## P. T. Barnum's Legacy to the University of Bridgeport



P. T. Barnum

by Indika Perera

The predecessor of the University of Bridgeport, the Junior College of Connecticut, opened in 1927 on Fairfield Avenue. The number of students grew steadily, and within a few years the junior college was looking for a new and larger campus.

Just about the same time, Del H. Bennett, vice president of the Bridgeport City Trust Company, was looking for a college for his son. He had paid many visits to the junior college and

was aware of its need for a new location. To Robert A. Crosby, then secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, suggested the idea of moving the school to the Barnum estate. Mr. Crosby, a member of the college's Board of Associates, together with Mr. Bennett, suggested the idea to E. Everett Cortright, the president of the junior college.

A citizens' committee was formed to look into the matter. It negotiated with the heirs of the Barnum estate and came to an agreement. In his will, P.T. Barnum had stipulated that his estate should not be given away. Therefore, it was sold to the Junior College for a token sum.

At that time, the estate was valued at \$100,000. Another \$100,000 was spent on renovating it and building additional facilities. Marina Park, an area of six acres, provided ample room for a university. Although Marina Park was acquired in 1940, the Junior College did not move there until 1947.

There were many proposals to rename the Junior College after its move. Some suggestions included

"Barnum College," "Barnum Junior College," and "Marina Park College." These names were intended to recognize the fact that the University was located on P.T. Barnum's estate. However, the college became the University of Bridgeport, and it was decided to dedicate a dormitory to Barnum.

Phineas Taylor Barnum was born on July 5, 1810, in Bethel, Connecticut. He was the first of five children in a moderately prosperous family. His father owned a dry goods store. Barnum went to school just enough to learn to read, write, and do basic arithmetic. By the age of eight, he had begun working at his father's store.

Barnum's grandfather was one of the wealthiest men in Bethel. At Barnum's christening, he gave him a parcel of land called Ivy Island. At that time, it was nothing more than marshy land with poison ivy.

When Barnum was 15, his father

died, making him the sole provider for his family. By the age of 18, Barnum had opened his own fruit store and organized a lottery distribution of his church. At 19, he married Charity Hallot, a member of the congregation of his church. He also started his own newspaper, called the Herald of Freedom and Gospel Witness.

In 1834, the state of Connecticut banned lotteries, and his paper could not compete with the rival newspaper, the Danbury Record. It had to close down. His store also went bankrupt. Barnum's family moved to New York, and in 1841 bought the American Museum. At the museum he displayed many animals and strange-looking humans. There he earned the title Master of Humbug.

In 1842, he met and started managing a 38-inch-tall man from Bridgeport whom he called General Tom Thumb. Barnum toured all over

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## Prof. Skeeter Heads NEC Administration

by Miroslava Borissova

Prof. Sharyn Skeeter has recently been appointed director of administration of the New England Center for International and Regional Studies. At the same time, she continues teaching communications and humanities courses — the reason for which she first came to UB.

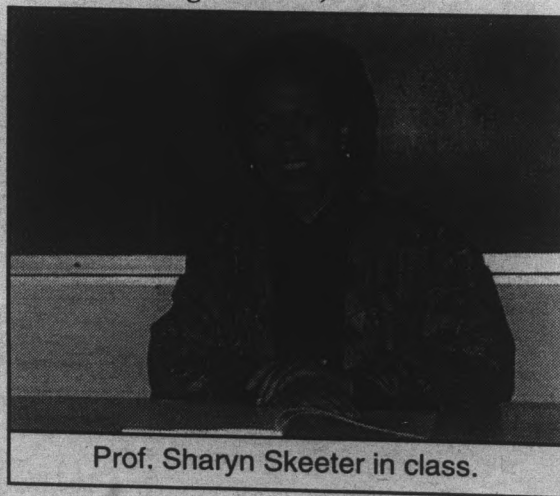
The New England Center was established in August 1996 under the auspices of the College of Graduate and Undergraduate Studies at UB. The idea of creating such a center has been inspired by the belief of a better future for its students through the internationalization of business and social science education.

Prof. Skeeter has been lecturing at the Mass Communication Department for nearly four years. She teaches magazine and newspaper writing and editing, African-American literature, and business writing. The topic of her Capstone class is "The individual and the multicultural community."

"Personally, I feel multicultural, not just because of my background. My ancestors are African-American, American-Indians and European. It is not unusual for me to be multicultural. I was born and raised in a multicultural environment, New York City. This made me respect my heritage. So, in terms of my background, it's natural for me to teach about multicultural community. The goal of this course is to show

that, although there are differences between people, at the same time there is an overwhelming similarity — we are all human," said Prof. Skeeter.

She has also taught at several other universities, among them Fairfield University and Iona College. Prof. Skeeter has had considerable experience as a teacher in New York City Public Schools and as a creative writing instructor, as well.



Prof. Sharyn Skeeter in class.

Her experience in the field of magazine journalism includes being editor-in-chief of "Black Elegance," executive editor of "Focus," editorial assistant of "Mademoiselle," and editor of "Essence."

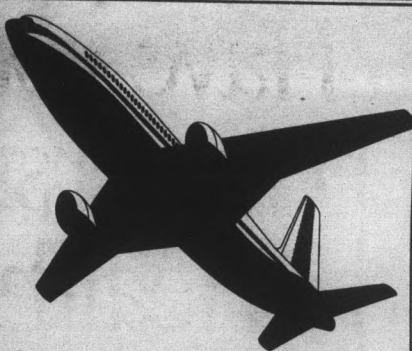
Ms. Skeeter has earned her B.A. in Spanish and French Literature from the City College of New York. She has an MBA from Anna Maria College. Prof. Skeeter is not only a college instructor, but also a writer, poet, book editor and reviewer.

Her husband is a professor of finance at Fairfield University. She also has a 12 year-old son.

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## Leonard Berger: UB Professors Were Very Accessible

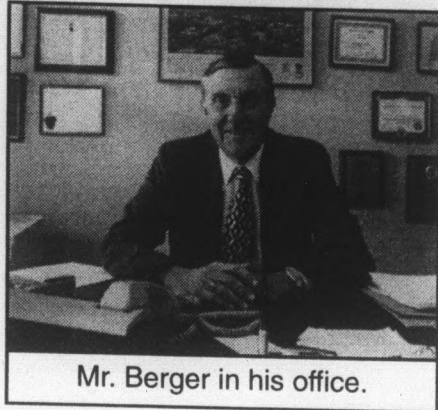
by K. C. Tham

While going north on Main Street from UB, everyone notices the gleaming building on the right known as the Bridgeport Center, which houses both People's and Fleet Banks. In Fleet Bank, however, is the office of Mr. Leonard F. Berger, vice president & district manager of the Greater Bridgeport District, who graduated from UB in 1964 with a Bachelor's of Science degree in industrial relations.

Born in a family of five in June 1942 in Bridgeport, Mr. Berger was raised in Trumbull, which at that time was predominantly a farming community. Spending much of his childhood helping out in his grandfather's dairy and vegetable farm, Mr. Berger grew up loving the outdoors and still goes hiking and fishing.

Mr. Berger went to the Warren Harding High School in Bridgeport. Speaking of Bridgeport in those days,

Mr. Berger said that Bridgeport was an important industrial city with companies like General Electric, Bridgeport Brass Co., and others.



Mr. Berger in his office.

Mr. Berger still remembers the day when the news of President John F. Kennedy's assassination came over the radio. Back then, the news was a shock, for it didn't seem possible for such a thing to happen. Classes were cancelled and discussions were focused mainly on the things to come.

On a lighter note however, Mr. Berger spoke fondly of the times when UB was abuzz with activity. He joined UB's Marching Band (a 50 to 60 piece band) and played during football games and special occasions. That was in the fall. During the winter and spring, the Marching Band would revert to being a symphony orchestra and performing concerts.

A major social activity that Mr. Berger remembers, was held in the 1960s. It was known as Campus Thunder – a theatrical event that the UB Drama department held yearly in the Klein Memorial and drew audiences from all over the state. The International Festival was also there in those days, but it was on a smaller note and more informal.

Moving on to the academics at UB, Mr. Berger said that the professors of those days were very good and accessible. The classes Mr. Berger enjoyed most were the evening classes taught by professors who were actual practitioners and drew their teaching material from their experience.

In Mr. Berger's own words, "The professors who had the content and the delivery - those were the good ones." Time management, studying effectively, communications, and negotiation were some of the most important things he learned at UB.

All this now belongs to the past,

and Mr. Berger looks forward to the future. As vice president & district manager of the Greater Bridgeport District for Fleet Bank, Mr. Berger is responsible for all 18 branches of Fleet Bank in the Greater Bridgeport District (Bridgeport, Shelton, Trumbull, Fairfield, and Stratford).

Even though he has had that position for only 11 months, Mr. Berger has held similar positions in other parts of the state for nearly ten years. In the banking business for 34 years, beginning from what was known as the Connecticut National Bank, Mr. Berger now manages a staff of nearly 180 people.

A piece of advice that Mr. Berger would like to pass on to current UB students is to utilize all the available programs, learn anything about computers as an important part of our world, attend workshops and seminars, socialize and learn from professors, and – more importantly – to effectively use the knowledge that you gain.

"I'm anxious to see UB grow, for it has an excellent location and good facilities, even though they need to be improved. Furthermore, the combination of the city of Bridgeport and UB may help both parties grow back to where they once were," said Mr. Berger.

## Alumni Association to Create Network of UB Graduates

by Sharon Loh

Plans to get in touch with UB graduates from the 70 years of the university's existence was the focus of the UB Alumni Association Board of Directors at a meeting September 18. According to the president of the association, Suzanne Palys, the UB Alumni "is a potential source for networking with other people and meeting with other graduates."

As part of their efforts to get in touch with current UB students, especially seniors, the UB Alumni is planning to sponsor a Pub Knight for UB students in October. There are also plans for a "Knight at the Symphony" and maybe a night at the Bridgeport Cabaret.

There was a discussion on fundraising and current activity happenings at UB. Area chapter meetings were also discussed

regarding the networking of other alumni. There is also consideration on cultivating job networks for graduating UB students in the future. Also, the UB Alumni plans to have a few student representatives participate in the up-coming meetings during the semester.

Among the present at the meeting were Suzanne Palys, 1991 senior class president and vice president of the UB Alumni who graduated in 1993, Mary-Claire, who was a member of the Student Congress while she was a student here, and vice president of UB Alumni Richard Shepherd, a graduate of 1959.

Also present were Karen Friedberg, director of corporate and alumni relations for UB. She also graduated in 1959 and was Wisteria Queen during her years here.

### Barnum from page 8

Europe with Tom Thumb and returned to the United States in 1848 as a rich man.

Barnum loved the city of Bridgeport, which was near his birthplace and was his chosen home away from all the glitter and glamour of New York. He returned to Bridgeport in 1848, and built his first mansion, which he called "Iranistan." By 1851, Barnum was firmly established in Bridgeport. He was the president of a local bank and had a hand in almost everything that went on in town. He spent a lot of his money and time developing Bridgeport. He was particularly interested in building up the local library. During that time, Bridgeport flourished and became a famous place.

In 1890, Barnum suffered a stroke and was confined to bed at home in his beloved Bridgeport. He died on April 7, 1891.

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yeah!, bring your whole family! Your faithful Wordster, always willing to show the value of a few colorful metaphors, wonders how much of an education the tikes can receive hanging around loud and obnoxious college students. The mind boggles.

Now, I'm not faulting the kids here (how can you fault the kids, they're so cute), but the system that put them there! I know, Mariott handles Marina, but the students pay Residential Life for the exalted privilege of dining there, and somebody isn't looking out for our interests here...

Did you know? Ted Turner, media magnate and recipient of wife Jane Fonda's uncensored complete workout, announced last week he'd donate \$1 billion to various U.N. charities. You go, Ted! That's only \$100 million more than the entire U.S. government withheld in back payments due to alleged mismanagement and dissatisfaction with the last secretary-general.

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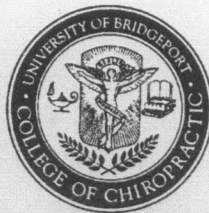
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## Miscellaneous

SCBOD: Coffee House Best Ever;  
Boring, Students Say

by Fabiola Trivino

Some of the students who went to the first Coffee House of the year on September 12, said that it lacked in variety of music. The event was organized by the Student Center Board of Directors (SCBOD).

One of the attendants, who prefers to remain anonymous, said, "The Coffee House was boring! It had just one type of music, but I admit that the atmosphere was much better than last year's because there were more people."

Other students mentioned that the music was great, but that the DJ should have made some changes occasionally, so it wouldn't sound so repetitive.

As a response to these comments, SCBOD member Georgia Koropoulis said that the DJ just played one type of music because it was related to the theme of the Coffee House, but that it

will change according to the theme of each Coffee House.

At the beginning, just a few people attended. But as the time passed by, more students arrived and the atmosphere and mood improved considerably. Despite the comments made by some students about the music, a large group of people was dancing while others were chatting and eating.

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## Letters

## You Are What You Eat

by Alicja Dabrowska

"All resident students who are required to live in the residence halls are also required to be on a meal plan," says the newly published UB catalogue under Residence and Meal Plan Requirements sections (p. 10, UB Catalogue, 1997-98). But if you believe in the phrase: "You are what you eat," you should think twice before you cross Marina's gate.

Those who live on campus, including all AEL scholars, are unfortunately stuck with Marina's mediocre service, and things just don't get any better. Brown lettuce, dirty plates or sticky chairs and tables, we all remember from the last semester.

This year's much greater freshman population, along with returning students have to face now endless lines and no space to sit. If you are not in Marina by 11:45 a.m., your chances of getting an over-fried stir-fry or a burnt chicken are as slim as your hungry stomach.

And if you happen to be a vegetarian, you might as well forget all the reasons why you became one and start eating meat again, for, in contrast to what the UB catalogue says, Marina is not prepared to meet needs of students with special dietary requests.

According to the Key to UB, "students with special dietary needs will be accommodated after consultation with the University's food service dietitian." To my surprise, the UB's dietitian is the Assistant Manager herself. After presenting my concerns to her, she said that Marriott is in the process of having a new cook who will work on a new menu, including black bean salad. With all respect, but while Marriott is in the process we are not getting a sufficient diet in this place.

And it is not just happening this year. Last semester, several ideas were presented to Marriott's management about adding veggie-burgers to a deli salad, etc. Unfortunately, there was no feedback. If Marriott cannot provide satisfactory

service to UB students, it should not be in the school's interest to have a contract with such a company. And if Marriott is not satisfied with its contract to UB, then the better for us.

Every student who eats in Marina is paying for it in one way or another; nothing is for free here. In a restaurant, if you find a fly in your salad, you go and do something about it. Most of the time, you refuse to go there the next time. Marriott, on the other hand, is taking advantage of students who have no choice of eating anywhere else. So we come here hoping that something would change, but everybody is comfortable in their big office chairs.

Meanwhile, all we see is some 9 or 10-year-olds all around us with their bodyguard-like teachers. And all of a sudden, you feel like you are having de-javu from your high school years. But it is not de-javu, my friends: there is a high school on our campus, which even adds to the number of students dining in Marina.

But Marriott management does not seem to see any problem with overcrowding.

Apart from over 400 UB students on a meal plan, Marina is providing its services to a high school population. When asked if Marriott plans on opening the small Marina dining hall in the near future, the assistant manager answers that they are waiting for the school to deliver more chairs and tables to the currently used large dining hall.

Honestly, I do not see any place where to put one chair, not to mention a couple of tables. Besides, at this point, someone should think if, by any chance, Marriott is not violating fire hazard regulations by serving so many students in one dining hall. Too bad that the UB Catalogue did not prepare this year's freshmen for a dietary shock. I guess this is one of those things that UB "reserves the right to make changes without prior notice," (ii, UB Catalogue, 1997-98).

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## Letters

## Where Should We Go to Eat?

by Tracy Holle

As I walked into Marina Sunday night, I quickly noticed that the student body had suddenly and without warning grown exceedingly large. Normally, I would consider this to be a good thing for UB. Having more students could be very beneficial. But for some reason, something seemed quite wrong.

Then I realized what it was. It wasn't more UB students, but rather families. Families that hadn't been not here before. And they were eating all the food! The actual UB students were walking around in a sort of daze. Where was the food? The food they had paid for? Not that the food was ever great or even satisfying, but at least it used to be there.

But where was it now? This question seemed to be asked by all students. So, I thought, I'd answer the big question of "where did all our food go?" I went to the parents and children who seemed to magically appear. And these families? Where

did they come from? The air? Local high schools? Cooper? Why did the school suddenly decide to turn its back on its students without warning? Do we need money so badly or the school is selling out as part of UB's new core curriculum?

Are we students truly expected to sit back and be quiet while waiting on a line of at least 75 people, so that we cannot only be underfed, but also overcharged? Are we supposed to silently wait for a seat in our dining hall while barefoot children eat the food that we are forced (if under 21) to buy? What I want to know is why weren't we told that we would have to find food elsewhere?

While I was eating my nourishing and fulfilling bowl of cereal, the only food left, I happened to overhear some students talking about the dinner, something that they had for some odd reason thought would be waiting for them in Marina. I heard one of them saying to the other, "So where should we go for dinner?"



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amazing amount of runs.

UB's pitchers were also at the top of their game. The Pioneers were only able to get two runs from the stingy UB pitchers. Rob Schweitzer was virtually unhittable, as he blew pitches by the opposing batters. "He pitched a fantastic game," commented Coach Baptista.

Rob Schweitzer showed nothing but brilliance, as he shut down the Pioneer batters. Paul Kulmar came on as relief pitcher for Schweitzer, and believe it or not, he was just as impressive. He not only pitched a great game but he also played some fantastic defense. Paul Kulmar made the play of the week when he snagged a pitch that was heading directly for his face.

It seemed that if he'd so much as blinked his head would have been smashed. The ball was going toward his head at no less than ninety miles an hour, but with cat like reflexes Paul swiftly caught the ball which threw him to the ground. From his back, he threw out the runner on first. Paul pitched three strong innings for the

Purple Knights, and received a lot of run support from his teammates.

The UB baseball team looked razor sharp, and the players looked fit and powerful. Coach Baptista is expecting a lot from his team.

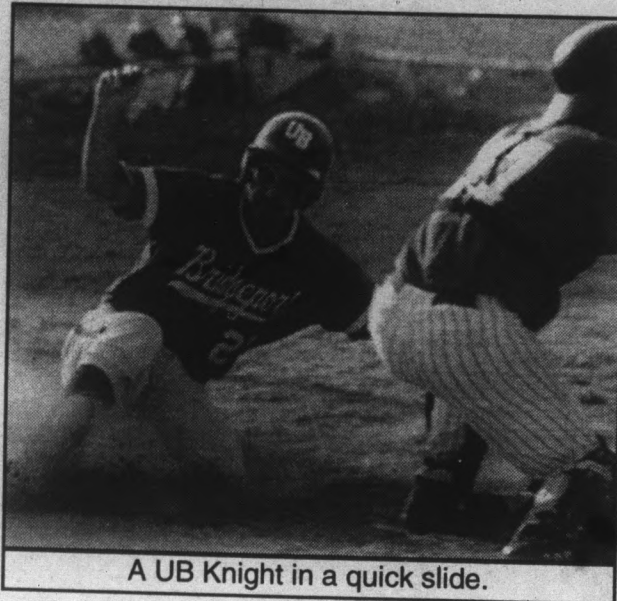
"It's very important that we stay healthy and focused," commented Carey Kamrowski. The UB Purple Knights can accomplish a lot this season, and they can be sure that the students, teachers and faculty are in their corner all the way.

## Volleyball

The volleyball season is on its way, and they are off to a slow start, but they are ready to turn their season around and win their division. They have been playing some decent games but unfortunately, their opponents have played better. It's going to be a hard fought season but the volleyball team

is ready and willing to accept the challenge.

They are 1-3 this season, but don't let that record fool you. They've been playing at a high level, but the cards



A UB Knight in a quick slide.

just haven't been going their way. These girls are highly recruited, multi-sport athletes, and are very talented and well-trained. I am expecting a full turnaround from the UB volleyball team and I won't be surprised if they are at the top of their division when the smoke clears. It's the beginning of a long season and there is no doubt in their coach's mind that they can bring home the championship. Good luck to the UB girls, and remember we're all rooting for you.

## Lady Knights Score High

by Paul Doroski Thompson.

It's been a great beginning for the Lady Purple Knights soccer players. They have started their season with an overall 3-0 record and a NECC record of 1-0. Their wins came against Elms College, 4-1, and New Jersey Tech, 8-0. "We lost it," said George Vizary, head coach of the Albany Danes when Sarah Warfield scored the winning goal in overtime for a Knight win.

The team is made up of only two returning players, the rest are new recruits and transfer students. Coach Joe Barroso credits their success as a team "to their hard work and everyone giving their one-hundred and one percent."

Their one-hundred and one percent can be seen in the team statistics. The Lady Knights have scored thirteen goals and have only allowed only one, which was scored in the game against Elms College.

Another reason for their success is the special bond that they have with each other. They can be seen practically everywhere together, eating, studying, doing laundry, or just hanging out. "If they see one of us, they know the rest of the players are only two steps behind," said Tiffany Henery.

"The bond that they share helps them click," said assistant coach Kim Chilly. "It is important for a team to have this togetherness."

The strength of their bond is going to be tested in the upcoming schedule as they face teams like New Hampshire College, New Haven, and Franklin Pierce. To be able to do well in the latter part of their schedule, the Lady Knights have to remain healthy and not get anymore injuries. They lost one of their top players in Jennie Rosenfeld when she broke a bone in her leg in the first game of the season. Right now though, "we are just taking it one game at a time," said Christine

Thompson. Currently the Lady Knights have only been playing with eleven players. Coach Barroso believes his team needs to be fit because they can not be substituted for. "They need to be able to play through an injury or fatigue."

What does Coach Barroso stress to his players? Composure. "We cannot break down because we do not have the substitutes," said Barroso.

Jennie feels that he stresses "to shoot a lot and take people on." That is exactly what the Lady Knights do. They have shot on goal more than triple the amount that they have allowed their opponents to (77-24). The three top shooters on the team are Jen Svelyn, Linda Ohlander, and Sarah Warfield. If their shots on goal hit their mark, the Knights will be headed for a successful season.

Not only has the offense been productive, but the defense has stepped up as well. Goalie Rachel Kaminsky has fourteen saves and has a goals-against-average of 0.33. To go along with these statistics, she also has two shutouts under her belt. But she is not alone on defense as she has help from Tamara Bronson, Christine Thompson, and Jaclyn Platt.

Coach Barroso feels good about the girl's soccer program and it is one of his reasons for coaching here. When he played soccer at Southern Connecticut, Bridgeport was a top team in the NECC, and he hopes "to get Bridgeport up to that level again." He is very optimistic about this goal because in the Lady Purple Knights, he sees that he "has some talented players."

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## Sports

## Soccer Knights Kick Off Fall Season

by Simon Kay

On an overcast Wednesday afternoon, the UB men's soccer team drove down to Long Island to kick off the fall season against C.W. Post University.

The team members were very skeptical going into the game. It was never going to be an easy match, playing their first game to a C.W. Post team who were already 3-1 and ranked

6th in the nation.

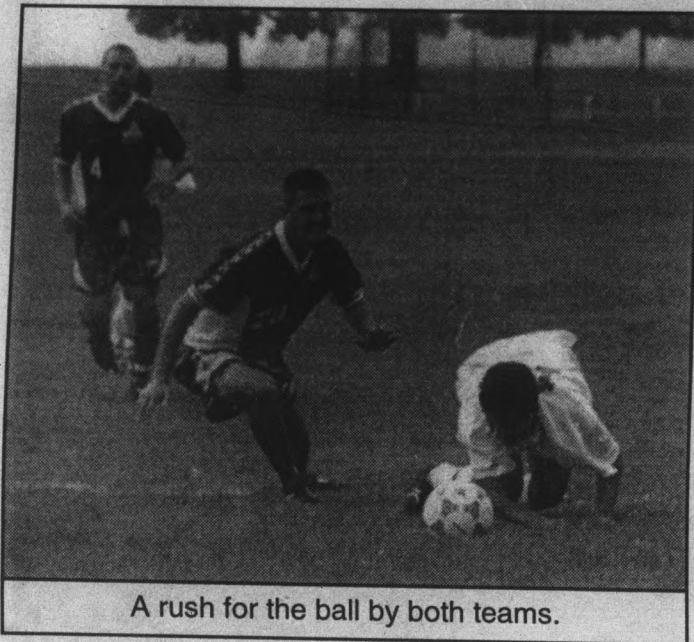
The game started out very scrappy, with their team capable of stringing more than three passes together.

Then, in the 10th minute Simon Kay picked the ball up in midfield and sprung the Post defense with a penetrating ball down the left wing. Akintunde latched on to the pass and crossed beautifully for Yung Ki who forced a great save from the C.W. Post keeper and earned UB the first corner kick of the game. Kay swung the ball into the six yard box and Akintunde Akinsanya pounced on the loose ball and drilled it home for the first goal.

In the 35th minute, co-captain Ian Banner played a glorious pass through to Omar Ayad who ran tenaciously at the defense and won a free kick 25



A furious pounce by UB Knights.



A rush for the ball by both teams.

yards out from the C.W. Post goal. Co-captain Magnus Nilerud stepped up from the defense and shot a rocket into the lower left-hand, leaving the keeper no chance.

The second half started with UB leading 2-0. C.W. Post came out strong with lots of pressure, but the UB defense of Alex Pino, Magnus Nilerud, and Naoto Nakahara held strong. As time ticked by, the C.W. Post players

were starting to show their frustration. After another failed attack, a Post forward elbowed Alex Pino in the face and was immediately ejected. In the next ten minutes the referee ejected three more players and two coaches. After the sixth red card, the referee abandoned the match and UB had their first win of the season.

## Other Sports at a Glance...

by Dale Carnegie

## Cross Country

It was the morning of September 13. The sky was as blue as the beaches of the Caribbean. To a cross-country runner the weather is everything. Without a doubt, it is far better to run under a bright, warm sun than in the damp, cloudy weather of a rainy day. This Saturday morning, Mother Nature could do no wrong. She took us into her arms and assured us that we would run at our peaks.

The UB cross-country team took to the road at eight-thirty sharp. It was an hour and a half trip to Hartford University- the location of UB's first cross-country race of the season. In reality it wasn't a long trip, but it seemed like an eternity to the athletes. There was nothing to do but think. But the more they thought, the more nervous they got. "It's going to be a long morning," said Jamie Rowe, a cross-country team member.

We arrived ahead of schedule, so as the athletes and I had time to admire the course. "It's one of the most gorgeous places I have ever been to," said runner Kelly Ng. The place is surrounded by trees and grasses so green that one might mistake it for a rainforest. Athletes stormed in by the hundreds as they got ready for the beginning of a memorable season. "The key is to get really pumped up," commented Paul Kular.

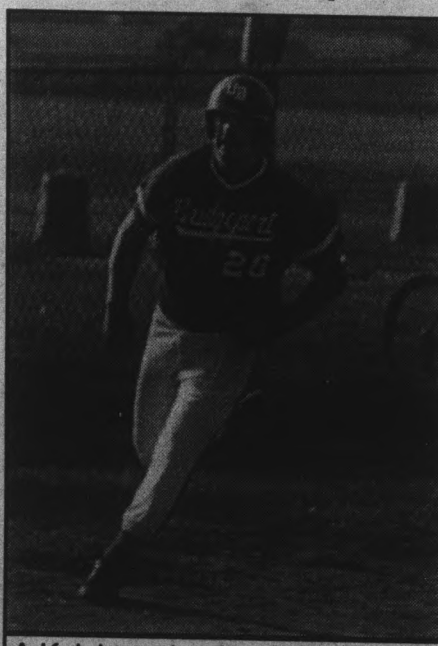
The women's race started first and our two runners proudly took the field. Applause filled the air as they came to pass for the first two hundred meters. UB looked fantastic as they passed the first mile mark. Northeastern University had a

commanding lead on the rest of the competition. The pace was fast and furious as UB's women ran on legs that screamed for mercy. A Northeastern University athlete won the women's race in a flying time of 19 minutes and 16 seconds and had a two minute lead on the rest of the competition. Unfortunately, UB's women cross-country team was reduced to one because of an injury suffered by Linda Allen. Holly Householder ran a great race for UB and finish up with a very decent time. UB's awesome twosome may be short one leg, but with any luck Linda Allen will be back in action very soon.

The men's race commenced minutes after the women. But before the athletes knew it those thirty minutes were down to five. "One minute to go," said the announcer. The athletes started to get ready to take the line. Forty men were on the starting line and they were all ready to make that five mile course look like a walk in the park. The gun went off at eleven-thirty sharp. Everyone was running at a devastating pace and for a moment it seemed as if they all were "All American." But reality kicked in and the strong separated from the weak. Fairfield University was in the top three positions followed by Hartford.

UB's athletes were doing great. Jamie Rowe, and R.J. "Flip" Gatchalian were in the lead for UB. "These guys are running a great race" said Coach Victor Baptista. Although UB didn't place there was still a lot to be happy about. Rowe, and Gatchalian ran the race of their lives. Flip and Jamie finished first and second for UB, followed by Freddy Laporte, Neil

Halpen, Paul Kulmar, and Rob Schweitzer. They all set personal records that day. "These guys are unbelievable," commented Coach Baptista. Flying through the course, these guys make a five mile run seem like three. There's a lot to be said for effort and tenacity, and these guys gave it a one hundred percent effort. It certainly paid off. UB athletes left Hartford University with pride and



A Knight racing for the next base

dignity. They also left with all-time personal best records. These guys were going so fast that they didn't even see the entire course.

Fairfield University was victorious in the first cross-country meet of the year. Like Northeastern, they are the team to beat this year. Keeping in mind that UB's track team is composed of mostly baseball and basketball athletes, one can say that they did really well. They came in as a team, ran as a team, and left as a team. Cross-country in essence is every man (or woman) for himself. Meaning that

your teammates can't help you if you get injured or fatigued. Everyone is running the same race and going for the same victory. UB's cross-country team proved me wrong this day, because they all ran as a union, helping each other throughout the entire race. It's really refreshing to see that a team is able to run together as one and share in the success of victory concurrently. There is no "I" in team and it is clear that UB athletes live by that code. It is always, "All for one and one for all."

## Baseball

Baseball has begun at UB and it is clear that it's going to be a promising season. The first game of the season was played on Tuesday, September 16 against the Sacred Heart Pioneers. The Purple Knights went into the game filled with uncertainty, but I can assure you that they left with the confidence of knowing that they are a dangerous team. The Purple Knights, coached by Victor Baptista manhandled the Pioneers. UB is ready to start the season and they have no intent of showing any mercy.

UB athletes were playing on another level. It was clear from the outset that Sacred Heart was no match for the Purple Knights. It was 2-2 in the fourth until the Purple Knights broke it open with four runs in the fourth. UB's bats were on fire as they burned the Pioneer pitching for fifteen runs. Joel Rodriguez was en fuego, and relentless in driving in five of those fifteen runs. All that time in the weight room paid off because Joel looked powerful. Ramon "Munchy" Sanchez and R.J. "Flip" Gatchalian also had a great day at the plate. They touched up Pioneer pitching for an

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